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**ON  
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MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

1. Since this is the first time Brunei Darussalam has taken the floor, please allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Bureau on your elections and to assure you of Brunei Darussalam's full support and cooperation during the deliberations of this Committee.
2. Brunei Darussalam aligns with the statement delivered by the Kingdom of Cambodia on behalf of ASEAN; the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM); and the statement delivered by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

**Mr. Chairman,**

3. Brunei Darussalam reiterates its position in condemning terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations.
4. Terrorism and violent extremism results in the unnecessary loss of innocent lives, damage to public properties and infrastructures. Their ideologies of intolerance and violence pose a challenge to our shared values of peace, security, human rights, and the rule of law. Terrorism represents a truly global threat that affects us all - and requires a global response.
5. Amid the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, terrorism remains a significant threat to society and therefore, we must remain vigilant and maintain momentum to prevent terrorism and violent extremism.
6. Although Brunei Darussalam has faced low direct terrorist threats, we remain vulnerable to elements of extremism and radicalisation as well as potential threats from other aspects of terrorist activities such as terrorist financing.

7. Brunei Darussalam remains committed to supporting the global effort against terrorism. We recognise that terrorist and violent extremist groups continue to find new ways to carry out attacks, finance their activities, spread propaganda, and recruit new fighters to their ranks. In light of this, Brunei Darussalam not only believes in a whole-of-nation approach to combat terrorism but we also recognise the need for bilateral, regional, and international cooperation and coordination.

**Mr. Chairman,**

8. Brunei Darussalam has taken a series of measures to increase its ability to counter terrorism. We have in place the *Anti-Terrorism Order 2011* mainly giving effect to Brunei Darussalam's international obligations under the relevant treaties and conventions relating to terrorism and terrorism financing. This is supplemented by the *Anti-Terrorism (Terrorist Financing) Regulations 2013* which makes acts of financing of terrorists, dealing with the property of terrorists, and providing assistance to terrorists an offence. Additionally, in further strengthening our national legislation relating to countering terrorism and violent extremism, we are reviewing our current laws to ensure we meet with the current and international standards. In addition, all financial institutions and designated non-financial businesses and professions in Brunei are required to report and freeze assets of individuals and entities suspected of providing support to terrorists, and terrorist organisations listed under the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to terrorism.
9. At the national level, several committees have been tasked to coordinate Brunei Darussalam's efforts to combat terrorism through a "Whole-of-Nation" and "Whole-of-Government" approach. One of the key players in Brunei Darussalam's counter-terrorism strategy is the *National Security Committee*, which oversees all security issues in the country. In addition, the *Public Awareness Programme Countering Terrorism and Extremism Steering Committee* has been set up jointly under the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Religious Affairs, to increase public awareness of the dangers of terrorist activities and violent extremism. Recognising the significant threats of money laundering and terrorism financing which can disrupt the country's and the region's security and economic activities, the

*National Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Committee (NAMLC)* has been set up to, among others, develop national policies on measures to combat money laundering and terrorist financing activities, conduct national risk assessments on money laundering and terrorism financing and to review strategies periodically.

10. As cyber security threats and incidents are becoming more prevalent worldwide, these cyberattacks committed by foreign terrorists put critical information infrastructure at risk. In order to strengthen the security and resilience of critical infrastructure, Brunei Darussalam has taken several measures to help prepare for, prevent and protect against such threats, including the establishment of the *Cyber Security Brunei (CSB)* by our Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications in 2020. The agency is responsible for developing policy and frameworks to govern cyber security in Brunei Darussalam. The CSB has also introduced the *National Cybersecurity Framework (BNCSF)*, which is a set of voluntary standards, guidelines, and processes that organisations can use to reduce the risk of cyber security threats.

**Mr. Chairman,**

11. At the regional level, Brunei Darussalam continues to work closely with other ASEAN Member States and its Dialogue Partners through various platforms such as the *ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)* and *ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus)*.
12. Brunei Darussalam remains committed to fully implementing the *ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism* as the key regional framework to combat terrorism, and guided by the various ASEAN Work Plans and Plan of Actions including, the *ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter Terrorism, Work Plan of the ASEAN Plan of Action to prevent and counter the rise of radicalization and violent extremism (2019-2025)* and the *ASEAN-EU Work Plan to Combat Terrorism and Transnational Crime 2022-2024*.

13. In supporting the international efforts to combatting terrorism, Brunei Darussalam has ratified 11 main United Nations (UN) legal instruments aimed at preventing terrorist acts.
14. We recognise the importance of strengthening our capacity building in this matter and welcome the meetings, workshops, and training organised by various international organisations, such as under the auspices of ASEAN and the *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime*. They are invaluable not only as a means for sharing international best practices but also allow counter-terrorism partnerships to develop, which has proven effective in countering the threats of terrorism. These efforts underscore the critical importance of international and regional cooperation in addressing the global threat of terrorism.
15. To conclude, we would like to reaffirm our commitment and support to the work of the international community, particularly efforts by the ASEAN and UN in combating terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations.

**Thank you, Mr. Chairman.**

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